

## RUSTLER KATE.

The Career of Mrs. Maxwell, the Wyoming Cattle Woman, Briefly Told.

Her Herds Alleged to Have Increased More Rapidly Than Nature Warrants.

Condign Punishment of a Mexican Who Insulted Her—Personal Characteristics.

Cheyenne special: The recent exploit of Mrs. Kate Maxwell in closing up a "brace" far game at Bessemer and then saving the lives of the two "tin horn" gamblers who had robbed her cowboys and were about to be summarily swung up has raised "Cattle Kate," as she is called, to a pinnacle of notoriety second only to that attained by Belle Starr. Mrs. Maxwell's ranch is on Sand creek, in Sweetwater county. She rode into town with her foreman, entered the gambling saloon, six-shooter in hand, and while she cowed the dealer, her foreman snatched the faro-box and cards and exposed the trickery of the game to the assembled cowboys.

As already told, Cattle Kate's intervention saved the lives of the gamblers, and they were started out of town on horseback while the crowd pillaged and then burned their saloon. All hands went to the Maxwell ranch, where Kate, who had secured the gamblers' money, made some sort of a division among those who had been duped.

This daring female had been on Sand Creek four years, and since her husband's death has managed a small ranch. Maxwell was a quiet sort of fellow, and used to make trips to Chicago every fall to sell cattle and spend the money in "doing the town." He brought a wife back with him after one of these trips. She had been a variety hall singer, but took to ranch life at once. She liked to ride and shoot, and showed a fondness for all sorts of athletics. Before Maxwell died his ranch was known to every foot-footed Indian runner and bad prize fighter in the territory. There were running races and prize fights, dog fights and cock fights at the Maxwell place nearly every day, and soon became a rendezvous for a pretty tough class of people. Kate had induced her husband to send to Chicago for an old lover of hers—Tom Mason—an ex-faro dealer, and he was installed as foreman of the ranch. After Maxwell died the place became notorious, and to-day it is headquarters for the most reckless gang of cowboys and half-breeds in the territory.

"Cattle Kate" maintains her position as mistress of the ranch easily. Her men are devoted to her and boast of her horsemanship and steady aim, wherever they may be. Kate has killed one man at least and wounded another. A drunken "greaser" insulted her at a round-up, and before the cowboys could reach him Kate had shot him dead. One of her own men presumed to call her "Katie" one day and she sent a bullet into his right arm "to teach him manners," she said.

Last fall Kate took nearly all her stock to Chicago and came back with considerable money. Neighboring cattlemen declare that there are more cattle with her brand on the range to-day than she ever had, and Mrs. Maxwell's career is liable to be cut short at any moment. She has committed the most venial offense known among stockmen. She has been "rustling." Her cowboys are adepts at this, and the Maxwell ranch is believed to be the headquarters of the greatest gang of "rustlers" ever known in the territory. "Rustling" is the altering of brands on cattle, and the X L brand, through the exertions of Cattle Kate's gang, is becoming the "rustler's" ever used in Sweetwater county. The stockmen have organized for protection, and a raid on the Maxwell ranch may be made some night. If it is, there will be a desperate fight, for the "rustler" carries his life in his hands and knows that death will follow detection.

Mrs. Maxwell was in this city last summer. She put up at the best hotel and occupied a suit of rooms that were fitted up for Harry Oelrichs, a brother of Hermann Oelrichs, the New York millionaire, when Harry was drawing a \$25,000 yearly salary as manager of an English cattle company. She was on her good behavior and only once betrayed the Amazon. She had been spending money freely and big stories were in circulation concerning her wealth and the extent of her cattle ranch. A "strump" printer named Devlin accosted her on the street one day, announced himself as a reporter and asked her some impertinent question. She knew him and regular features. She would be handsome but for a scar on her chin, which she has worn for years. She is little over thirty and is as fond of dress as a society woman, despite her rough life and surroundings. She wears silks and velvets with an abundance of jewelry when about the ranch or in town. When on horseback she usually wears a man's suit of corduroy, with sometimes a short skirt of the same material, but oftener without.

Old Washakie, the Shoshone Indian chief who has just been enrolled as a government scout, used to visit the Maxwell ranch frequently. He had two or three young bucks who could outrun anything in the territory, and Kate's cowboys were constantly challenging them to a race, and as constantly being beaten. Kate always backed her men liberally, and she finally sent to Chicago for a professional sprinter. He was dressed up as a cowboy and kept around the ranch in anticipation of Washakie's visit. He couldn't very well give his party the "double cross," however strongly inclined, because he couldn't speak the Indian tongue, and he was backed to win against two of the Indians until the savages had their blankets up and stood to lose everything but their red skins on the race.

The Chicago sprinter won, and the Indians philosophically parted with their money, ponies, guns and blankets. Old Washakie saw the trick, however, and has never visited the ranch since. During the past few months there has been less of this sort of amusement and more whiskey drinking and carousing indulged in at Kate's ranch. The men surrounding her are more lawless and desperate than the average cowboy. "Cattle Kate" herself, it is said, has been drinking heavily, and the law-abiding element in Sweetwater county maintain that the ranch has become headquarters for a gang of cattle thieves and outlaws of whom the country should be rid. Kate's daring adventure with the gamblers at Bessemer, however, has made her a heroine with her own men and given her the notoriety which she craves.

Sir Julian Paunceforte. London Special: The new English minister to Washington, Sir Julian Paunceforte, cannot probably be of less weight there than Lord Sackville, and indeed he has a certain reputation in diplomatic and legal circles. He is a big man physically, with an amiable face and a long, gray white beard, courteous manners, fond of good dinners, but mentally dry as a bone. He is really appointed as a result of a for-

sign office intrigue to get him out of the way and this make room for Sir Philip Currie, who is a live man, and will be of vastly more use than Paunceforte in the post of assistant under secretary of state, which the latter has held for over twelve years. Currie has for years, ever since, in fact, he served under Disraeli and Lord Salisbury at the Berlin congress, been the principal man in the foreign office, transacting a mass of important business of which Paunceforte, his nominal superior, never knew a word. Now, when this anomaly has grown tiresome, Paunceforte is given the American mission to get rid of him.

## MR. BARNUM "TAKEN IN."

He Has a Confidence Woman Arrested, but Soft Heartedly Relents.

New York Herald: The victim of the latest confidence game is Mr. P. T. Barnum, the showman. Mr. Barnum met with his adventure about two weeks ago. He is staying at the Murray Hill hotel. Every morning it is his habit to take a constitutional spin of about two miles on foot. It was while enjoying this exhilarating recreation that he was "taken in."

On a beautiful cold day he left the hotel and started down town. On Thirty-seventh street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, he was accosted by a red-faced, middle aged, poorly dressed woman, who asked him if she was on the east or west side of the city. She showed him a piece of paper on which was written "Bellevue Hospital," and added, "I am on my way to my sister's house at No. 133 West 24th street, to tell her that my husband has broken his leg and is in the hospital."

"Why, my good woman," remarked Mr. Barnum, "you have got about five miles to travel."

"Well, I have a good pair of legs. I think I can walk it," observed the woman. Mr. Barnum's heart was touched, and he pulled out a handful of change and gave it to her. She refused to take it, saying, "Oh, thank you; it is too much. I can walk."

Mr. Barnum insisted on her taking the money, and she accepted it. When he returned to the hotel and told of his adventure he was laughed at and was informed that he had been "played for a sucker." This view of the matter met unexpected confirmation yesterday. Mr. Barnum was returning to the hotel after his daily walk when the woman again accosted him. She showed him a slip of paper on which were printed the words "Coroner's office," and asked him to direct her to it. She said that her husband was dead. Mr. Barnum replied that he had no money with him and asked her to accompany him to the hotel. She did so and Mr. Barnum had a Policeman Taylor of the East Thirty-fifth street station, arrest her. She said that her name was Maggie Morgan, 40 years old, and that she lived at No. 218 East Eighteenth street. She was arraigned in Yorkville police court, but Mr. Barnum relented and withdrew his complaint.

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